

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 2, Special  
REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
CRIME REGISTRY.  
No. D. 5706  
Branch. Single  
Date 21 3 34

Subject (in full) B. I. Semenoff, candidate for position of Police Watchman.

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev Forwarded by D. S. I. Everett

With reference to the attached application by B.I. Semenoff for a position as Police Watchman, this individual's antecedents and record as known to this office are as follows:-

Boris Ivanovitch Semenoff, Russian, born 21.7.1892 in the province of Voronej, Russia. He arrived in Shanghai in 1926 from Harbin, where he had resided since 1922. In Shanghai he was employed as an electrician first with the British Royal Engineers and later with the Advanced Ordnance Depot, No. 9 Hongkong Road from May 31, 1927, till October 31, 1933, when he was discharged on the closing down of the Depot. Since that time he has been without any fixed employment.

On August 29, 1931, Semenoff was charged before the Shanghai Special District Court with "assault causing injury" and was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment (vide attached extract from Police report dated August 10, 1931).

He has good testimonial from the Advanced Ordnance Depot, from which it appears that his services were retained by the Depot notwithstanding the fact of his having served a term of imprisonment.

Semenoff is registered with the Russian Emigrants Committee, No. 6A Hongkong Road.

G. Prokofiev  
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Deputy Commissioner,  
Special Branch.

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E X T R A C T

from Police report dated August 10, 1931 ( File 1115, Wayside Stn ).

" At 6.30 p.m. on the 10-8-31, the Complainant, Mrs E.N. Dimitrieff, 216 Alcock Road Terrace, walked along the above terrace, when she was abused by the accused who called her a "prostitute".

The Complainant went home and complained to her husband, one P.K. Shaposhnikoff of having been insulted.

They then together came out of the house, the Complainant having a rolling pin in her hand. An altercation aroused during which the accused got hold of a hammer and started to fighting with P.K. Shaposhnikoff and the Complainant. The latter used a rolling pin during this fight until the neighbours had stopped it.

Both parties then proceeded to the station from where they were sent to the General Hospital for treatment. Doctor's chits read as follows:-

"that Mrs Dimitrieff is suffering from a badly lacerated wound on the forehead and probably a fracture of the skull. Detained in Hospital".

"That Mr. Shaposhnikoff is suffering from a lacerated wound of the forehead, abrasions and bruising of right side of the face, right shoulder and forearm".

"That Mr. Semenov is suffering from two lacerated wounds of the scalp".

When questioned, the accused admitted having beaten the above two persons with a hammer, but denied having abused the Complainant and that he started fighting first. It is believed that fight was a result of a number of quarrels between the two families, which had taken place from a long while ago.

The accused is charged accordingly and will be brought before the S.D. Court to morrow A.M."

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